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## ROYAL GUESTS AT SHOW

Dancing robots, horseback shooting and a wall of death are merely a few of the riveting attractions at this weekend's county show.

Titan the Robot, a walking, talking humanoid, which took four-and-a-half years to develop, will grace The Kent County Show in Detling, which runs from Friday to Sunday. Prince Edward and his wife Sophie, pictured above, will be the guests of honour on the first day of the annual event.

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■ BY EMILY HALL

A MAIDSTONE nightclub has had its licence suspended indefinitely after a drugs raid.

The owners of The Source Bar, in Rose Yard, had until Monday to appeal the suspension, but instead have put in a new licence application.

Meanwhile nights have been transferred to The Loft nightclub, in Gabriels Hill, and the Source's sister bar Players, in the High Street.

A spokesman for the Gallery group, which is owned by Maidstone businessman Steve Moore, said: "We are not open at present and our Tuesday night Twisted event is being moved to The Loft. Some other nights have also been moved to our sister bar Players. We aren't going to comment further."

Forty officers descended on the nightclub's Tuesday night Twisted event last week after someone raised concerns about drug dealing.

Class A drugs were found and six people were arrested in the raid, which took place at around 11.30pm.

A special licensing hearing last Thursday saw the club's licence suspended and posters were then put up to let punters know the venue would not be open for the foreseeable future.

A police spokeswoman told YourMaidstone: "The owners had until Monday to launch an appeal against the suspension, but did not."

"We have now received an application for a new licence for the venue from a new person. This will be considered shortly."

Following the raid a 23-year-old woman, a 50-year-old man, a 29-year-old man and a 40-year-old man, all from Maidstone, were all arrested on suspicion of drug offences and bailed until September 11.

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# Army careers centre looks to enlist more

■ BY EMILY HALL

THE Army has launched a new careers centre to boost the number of potential recruits signing up.

Recruit numbers have been falling in Maidstone since its previous careers centre was scrapped as a cost-cutting measure ten years ago.

But Ministry of Defence officials now hope the numbers applying will turn around after splashing out on the new unit in Earl Street.

Ann Widdecombe, Tory MP for Maidstone and the Weald, cut the ribbon alongside BBC sports commentator Nick Mullins at the centre on Monday.

Soldiers from the nearby 36 Engineer Regiment at Invicta Park Barracks were also present.

## Technology

An Army spokeswoman said: "Maidstone is a great place to be opening a new office. It has a high level of footfall because of Fremlin Walk and the location will help us become part of the community, build up links and forge relationships."

"Being near to the barracks it was an obvious choice."

The office has been kitted out with the latest Army technology, allowing would-be recruits to log on to find out more about what life as a soldier, chef, medic or Army musician would be like.

Staff can also carry out aptitude tests and offer advice to anyone struggling to make up their mind.

The launch was themed around the Army's seven main career groups – combat, engineering, logistics and support, intelligence, IT and communications, human resources and finance, medical and music and ceremonial.

Soldiers representing each of the



CEREMONY: MP Ann Widdecombe helped to open the new Army recruitment office

groups were present at the opening to chat to those who dropped by.

The launch comes at a time when the Army is desperate for more public support in the wake of eight deaths in Afghanistan last week.

Brigadier Iain James, who is responsible for commanding the Army in the South East, said: "These deaths have brought Afghanistan back into the public domain and I hope it will allow a more informed public discussion about why the government commits us to Afghanistan."

"The public must also always remember that soldiers should not be blamed for the political decisions that put them in these places. This is a time when we need public support."

Anyone interested can drop into the centre between 10am-5pm Monday to Friday, and until 6pm on Thursday and on Saturdays between 9am-4pm.

## yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

### Change in name but vital work continues

A CHARITY for young people with serious emotional and behavioural difficulties has changed its name.

The Dandelion Trust for Children, which is based in West Farleigh, near Maidstone, has become Dandelion Time to reflect its work with those aged between seven and 16.

This year it has been adopted by Hazlitt Arts Centre as its charity of the year – all proceeds from an outdoor production of the Merchant of Venice at Dandelion's own site, Elsmcroft House, Charlton Lane, this Friday.

Tickets are priced at £15. For details call 01622 814001.

### Businesswoman calls it a day at the office

THE owner of a virtual secretarial service has chosen to retire after 36 years.

Liz Bradford had run Girl Friday in Gladstone Road, Maidstone, for nearly four decades, but has handed over the reins to Kim Geraghty.

Girl Friday offers a virtual office service to clients wanting telephones answered out of hours without having to employ extra staff.

The company will now be based in Starnes Court, off Union Street.

Ms Geraghty said: "Girl Friday is a great way for a small business to provide a professional image without the cost of employing extra staff."

### Teen footballer gets a dream move to United

TALENTED teenage footballer Sean McGinty has completed a dream move to Premier League champions Manchester United.

The central defender, from Bearsted, caught the attention of Sir Alex Ferguson while on the books at League One side Charlton Athletic.

At the age of 15, McGinty has already made several appearances for the Addicks under-18s and reserves last season as well as representing the Republic of Ireland under-17s.

United completed the deal with the Addicks last week.

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# Military makeover sees Panzer tank ready to roll

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

A GERMAN tank is set to roll through the streets of Kent – but there's no need to panic.

A trio of military history buffs from Hoo have built a formidable-looking replica of an extremely rare Panzer III replica – complete with swivelling turret, guns and a radio system.

It's the only working Panzer III imitation of its kind in Britain, according to industrial welder John Phillips. He and a small squad of enthusiasts spent nearly three months transforming a British armoured personnel carrier he bought for £5,000 and spent £15,000 turning into a Second World War battle machine.

The military makeover gave the tank a 50mm high-powered gun and two MG34 machine guns. They are gas-operated, making a realistic bang and a flash – and are completely legal.

John, 49, said: "There were no Panzers round here to base it on so we bought a model and scaled it up from that. Tanks like this are so rare these days that you can only find them in museums. If you could buy one it would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds."

"We managed to get hold of a British AFV432 and completely rebuild it into a German tank."

Electronics engineer Tim Bluck installed the tank's radio equipment.

He said: "The biggest job we had was to move the massive Rolls Royce engine further back. It was so heavy that our forklift, which carries two-and-a-half tons, struggled to shift it."

Although it isn't the real thing, John thinks his replica gives people a good idea of what an



**REPLICA:** John Phillips (right) with Tim Bluck (far left) and John's son Lewis (back) on their homemade Panzer tank.

authentic German Panzer III would look like.

It's not the first time the team has created a rare weapon of war. Last year they fashioned a German StuG 111 mobile gun.

The tank will go on display at the forthcoming War and Peace Show at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood, which runs from next Wednesday until Sunday July 26.

• Another highlight of the show will be the

return of Kent's own Spitfire fighter plane, which appeared last year. The wartime vintage aircraft, named the Spirit of Kent, is owned by a man from Pembury and is hangared at Biggin Hill Airfield. Arnhem and Normandy veterans will be admitted free this year as a mark of respect, and Forces' sweetheart Dame Vera Lynn will be attending the show on Saturday July 25 to meet some of the Second World War heroes.

## BGT winners ready to take stage at JJs

THE winners of this year's Britain's Got Talent TV show will bring their electrifying routines to a Maidstone nightclub next month.

Popular dance act Diversity will be appearing at JJs – formerly Jumpin Jaks – on Saturday, August 2.

To ensure all their fans get to see their winning performance there will be an event for under-18s and one for over 18s.

The all-male group were the stars of the ITV talent show and beat off stiff competition from rival dance group Flawless and Scottish singer Susan Boyle.

### Public vote

Their imaginative routines constantly impressed judges Simon Cowell, Piers Morgan and Amanda Holden and won the public's vote in the final against Boyle, winning them a place at The Royal Variety Show.

The under-18s show will take place at the nightclub, in the Odeon complex, at 6.10pm and the later performance for over 18s will be from 10.30pm-2.30am.

For more information or to get tickets for this event visit [www.jjs-nightclub.com/maidstone](http://www.jjs-nightclub.com/maidstone).

## Patients will benefit from improvement in hospital standards

PATIENTS can expect better services after an annual assessment of Maidstone's health trust showed improvements.

The Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) carried out checks at Maidstone, Kent and Sussex, and Pembury hospitals. The assessment showed that standards of cleanliness, quality of food and dignity were either good or excellent throughout the trust's hospitals.

### Experience

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust chief executive Glenn Douglas said: "This is excellent news for our patients and shows yet again that we are making a difference when it comes to the most important thing of all – the patient experience. "We want things to be good or excellent for our patients and that's where we're heading in all kinds of areas."

Each of the hospitals also moved up from its mark in 2008, in at least one category.

Maidstone and Pembury went

from acceptable to good for environment, and Maidstone and Kent and Sussex increased their food mark from good to excellent.

Mr Douglas added: "These latest scores are also a real tribute to our professional, dedicated and hard working staff who make our hospitals clean, safe and pleasant places to be for our patients. I am particularly pleased that two of our hospitals, Pembury and Maidstone, have moved up from acceptable to good in the past year for cleanliness and environmental quality."

"Kent and Sussex is similarly just as clean, but is an old building in the last years of its useful life and being awarded an acceptable environment there is an achievement in itself."

"I'm also pleased to see that our food score has gone from good to excellent at Maidstone and Kent and Sussex. Our challenge now is to keep improving and achieving more top marks across the board."

The PEAT scores can be viewed online at [www.npsa.nhs.uk](http://www.npsa.nhs.uk).

## Enforce hunting ban, says Widdy

MP Ann Widdecombe has urged people opposed to fox-hunting to make sure the law is enforced.

Her call follows a new report by a cross-party group of MPs which concluded that hunting with hounds was of positive benefit to wildlife.

It has led to increased calls for an end to the ban which outlawed hunting with dogs in 2004.

Tory leader David Cameron has promised a free vote if his party take power from Labour next year.

Fervent anti-hunting campaigner Ms Widdecombe said people opposed to hunting must not sit back and do nothing.

She said: "There is no point in getting bogged down by the fact the law might be repealed. We've got a ban so we should be trying to make it effective."

"I would say to people to get out there and get the law enforced that is the way forward."

The All Party Parliamentary Middle Way Group and the Veterinary Association for Wildlife Management condemned the Hunting Act, which came into force in 2004, as "unscientific, unenforceable, socially divisive, and harms, rather than improves, animal welfare".

The group said the ban was "simply a bad law" and called for it to be repealed.

David Cameron has promised, if his party wins the next General Election, to give a free vote on the repeal of the Hunting Act.

Asked if she was concerned that pressure was growing for the act to be repealed, Miss Widdecombe said: "Of course I am. But the Tories have been stating forever that they will repeal the act so that is hardly something new."

The former Home Office minister, who is retiring at the next general election, has been campaigning for the volunteers who monitor fox-hunting 'packs' to be licensed to protect them and encourage more people to help enforce the ban.

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## Women sentenced after admitting benefit frauds

TWO women from Yalding have each been found guilty of cheating council benefits.

Maxine Murley, of Blunden Lane, and June Murley, of Benover Road, appeared at Maidstone Magistrates' Court on July 2, facing separate charges of benefit fraud.

Miss Murley admitted wrongly claiming £15,798.79 in housing benefits and was sentenced to a 12-month community order. She must pay £5,000 compensation and costs of £375.25 to the council.

Mrs Murley admitted to failing to tell the council she had inherited £80,000. She was paid £2,933.10 in benefits, which she has repaid. She got an 18-month conditional discharge and must pay £375.25 costs.

## Putting the brakes on drivers who dump litter

A CAMPAIGN is has been launched to crack down on littering motorists.

Maidstone council has joined the Keep Britain Tidy campaign to tackle the problem of drivers throwing litter from their vehicles and polluting the environment.

People will also be asked to report any vehicles they see littering at [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org). The information will be used to analyse trends in littering from vehicles.

## Teen is charged with sex attack at leisure centre

A 15-YEAR-OLD has been accused of carrying out a sexual attack at a leisure centre in the town centre.

The boy, who cannot be named due to his age, was charged by Mid Kent Police with two counts of sexual assault on Monday.

The charges follow an incident at Maidstone Leisure Centre on May 3. He has been released on police bail to attend a hearing at Maidstone Youth Court on Monday.

## Former boy band singer to perform for children

A FORMER boyband member will be perform to pupils in Maidstone next week.

Mark Read, formerly of pop band A1, has been touring schools as part of the Kent Police Summer campaign.

He will be at Swadlincote School and Malling School on Thursday, July 16.

■ BY ANNA WHITE

A NUTRITIONIST is facing disciplinary charges after it was revealed she put her clients' health at risk by recommending "dangerous" foods.

A misconduct hearing heard last week how Katie Peck, 32, told diabetic patients to eat certain foods which could harm their condition.

Miss Peck, from West Malling, was employed by West Kent Primary Care Trust to cover for nutritionist Sally Morris, who was taking maternity leave from the Coxheath Centre Diabetes Clinic.

According to the Daily Telegraph, Mrs Morris told the Health Professions Council that she discovered Miss Peck's advice when she returned to work in February 2008 and a patient asked why she was taking kelp.



Mrs Morris said the patient was a type two diabetic who was also being treated for a thyroid condition. Mrs Morris discovered that kelp was rich in iodine and could severely affect the patient's condition.

### Recommendations

In another incident Mrs Morris discovered Miss Peck had told a diabetic with possible kidney disease and high potassium levels to eat fresh pineapple and half a green banana.

Mrs Morris told the board: "Bananas are a source of potassium. I would certainly not

expect someone with high potassium levels to be recommended to eat bananas because it would be dangerous."

Mrs Morris continued to discover more unusual advice when she went through patient files and reported them to managers.

She found that Miss Peck had recommended dandelion tea, milk thistle, flax seed oil and chromium supplements, none of which is believed to have any proven clinical benefits.

John Harding, for the HPC, told the Daily Mail: "The allegation is that Katie Peck's fitness to practise is impaired by lack of competence.

"It will be seen that in relation to each patient there is a common theme that develops – that the note-keeping was in a poor state and that recommendations made by Katie Peck were without any obvious reason."

Miss Peck faces disciplinary charges in relation to 27 patients, but denies any wrongdoing.

The panel adjourned the case on Thursday (July 9) and will resume in December.

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## SHOPPERS REALLY ROCK

ONLOOKERS were treated to a dance show at Fremlin Walk when shoppers joined in the grand finale of the centre's summer fashion event.

About 50 people performed a dance routine to the hit Let It Rock by Kevin Rudolf, on Saturday, July 4.

The simple routine gave the public a chance to join in the day's fashion shows which featured models from stores including House of Fraser, Republic, Wallis and Next.

Youngsters from Theatre Train and the Kent School of Dance also joined the dancing shoppers and added their professional moves.

Fremlin Walk marketing manager, Jaine Rees, said: "There was a real buzz to the dance and it was brilliant to see so many people get involved. The whole day was a great success and I would like to thank our models, our stores and everyone who came along and joined in."

The public performance is now available to watch on YouTube, search as Fremlin Walk Rocks.



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# Officer killed in Afghanistan is flown home

THE body of fallen Kent soldier Ben Babington-Browne arrived home late last week.

The 27-year-old Royal Engineers captain, from Maidstone, died instantly when a helicopter crash in Afghanistan's Zabul Province more than a week ago.

He was part of the 22 Engineer Regiment. His coffin was flown into RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, along with the bodies of four other young soldiers.

The former pupil of Maidstone Grammar School perished when the craft he was in crashed during take-off.

Mourners in Wooton Bassett, near Lyneham, lined the streets to pay their respects last week after a repatriation ceremony.

Capt Babington-Browne leaves behind mother Nina, who still lives in Maidstone, and his brother Daniel.

## Privileged

Nina said: "Ben was a much-loved son, brother and nephew who had a huge personality and will be so missed by his family and friends, who are all heartbroken by his untimely death."

"One of the brightest stars in the firmament has been lost in the line of duty which was second only to his love for his family and friends."

"We are all immensely proud of his considerable achievements in his short life. God bless and keep him."

After Capt Babington-Browne graduated from the Royal Military Academy in

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

Sandhurst and completed the Royal Engineers Troop Commanders Course, he joined 22 Engineer Regiment in April, 2007.

He was deployed to Iraq as a troop commander in 5 Armoured Engineer Squadron, where colleagues say he quickly showed the leadership skills which earned him the respect of all who served with him.

Back at home, he ran the Regimental Junior Non-Commissioned Officers Cadre – a training scheme which prepares sappers for promotion to Lance Corporal.

Commanding officer of 22 Engineer Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Noble said Ben had a bright future in the Army ahead of him.

He added: "Everyone in 22 Engineer Regiment is shocked and saddened beyond measure by his tragic death in Afghanistan. It is hard to accept that such a shining light has gone from this world."

"The impact he made on us during the time we were privileged to spend with him showed that Ben will have touched many lives."

"I hope his family can find some small comfort in knowing that we, his comrades-in-arms, hold him in such high regard and feel his loss so keenly."

"I have rarely met a man who was so widely liked and respected in a regiment. His humility and selflessness were palpable; he carried his rank lightly and the British Army officers' creed of 'Serve to Lead' could have been written for him."

## Soldiers' lives are being thrown away, says Clegg

TOP politician Nick Clegg warned that British soldiers' lives were being thrown away in Afghanistan – shortly after the tragic death of Captain Babington-Browne last week.

His comments followed a warning from defence secretary Bob Ainsworth who said more British soldiers would die.

Liberal Democrat leader Mr Clegg told a national newspaper: "Recent events have led me to question – for the first time – whether we're going about things in the right way. We now need to ask whether the Government has the will, strategy or tactics to do the job properly."

"Our young men and women's lives are being thrown away because our politicians won't get their act together."

"It is time to put real political will behind a new strategy, and a new commitment to Afghanistan. It is our last chance before it is too late."

Speaking to the Daily Telegraph, Mr Ainsworth said: "Let us be under no illusion. The situation in Afghanistan is seri-



ous and not yet decided. The way forward is hard and dangerous. More lives will be lost and our resolve is going to be tested."

"If we are to succeed we will need both the courage and the patience to see it through. There is no defined end date – only an end state."



RESPECTED: Captain Ben Babington-Browne died aged 27

## Head remembers outstanding pupil

CAPTAIN Ben Babington-Browne is remembered as a pupil of great potential and high intellect by his former headteacher.

He left Maidstone Grammar School (MGS) in 1993 for Sandhurst. Ex-teachers have praised his friendliness and outgoing spirit, his perceptiveness and ability to understand and discuss a wide range of subjects.

Headmaster Neil Turrell said: "This is a grievous blow to us, and one that I feel deeply and personally. I thought Ben an outstanding person with enormous potential. So good, in fact, that I selected him to be school vice-captain in a year of very strong candidates."

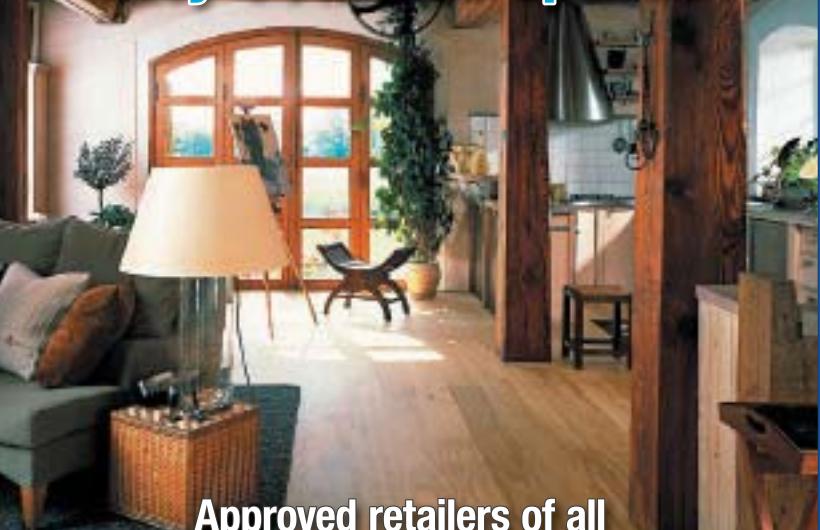
"That he should die in the service of his country in the prime of his life is an enormous loss. We know that his mother Nina is devastated by the news and we send her our deepest condolences at this dreadful time".

Mr Turrell said Ben took an active part in school life, helping to run many events – including discos and the school pantomime.

Hundreds of former school friends have left messages on a memorial page for Ben, set up on social networking website Facebook.

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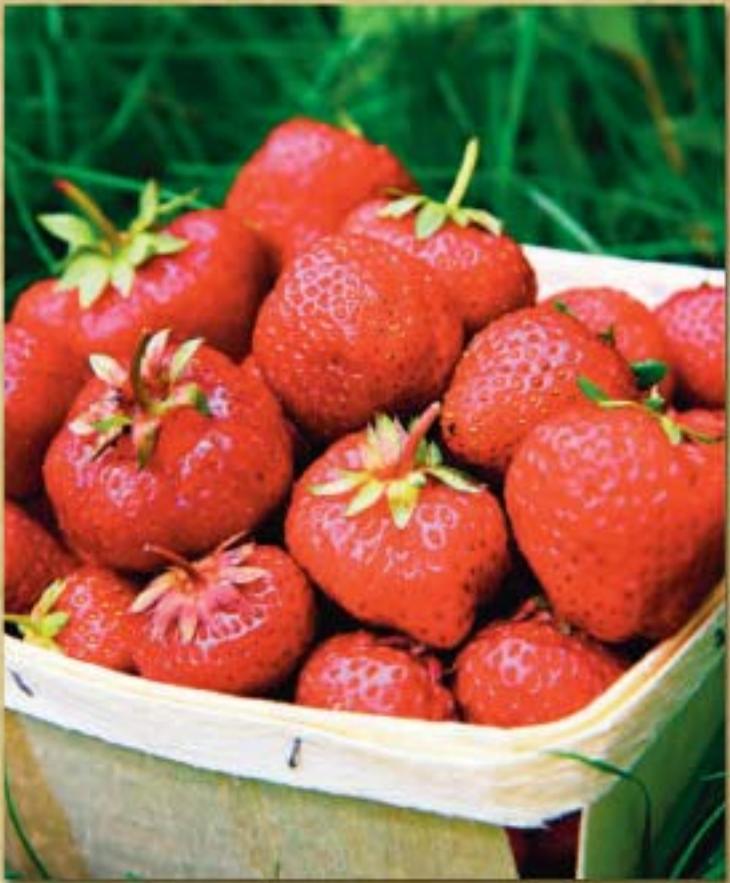
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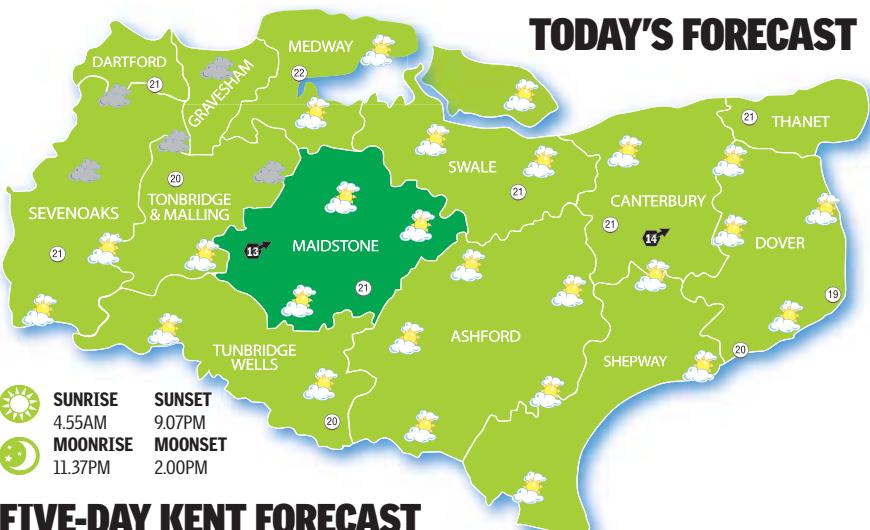
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|                   | Sunday   | 10:42am | 5.2m |
| <b>Dover</b>      | Saturday | 7:43am  | 5.6m |
|                   | Sunday   | 9:00am  | 5.7m |
| <b>Dungeness</b>  | Saturday | 7:55am  | 6.2m |
|                   | Sunday   | 9:08am  | 6.4m |
| <b>Ramsgate</b>   | Saturday | 8:13am  | 4.2m |
|                   | Sunday   | 9:30am  | 4.3m |
| <b>Sheerness</b>  | Saturday | 9:17am  | 4.9m |
|                   | Sunday   | 10:30am | 5.1m |
| <b>Whitstable</b> | Saturday | 9:24am  | 4.6m |
|                   | Sunday   | 10:35am | 4.7m |



ABANDONED: Armed raiders left this van after robbery

**Do you recognise dumped van used in armed raid?**

POLICE have released pictures of the van used in a robbery at the Tesco Express store in Hermitage Lane in Maidstone on Friday morning.

The white Ford Transit Connect van, which has a distinctive roof rack, was abandoned nearby and is presently undergoing forensic examination.

The robbery happened at about 6.45am when two men approached a security guard as he delivered money to the store.

The pair, who were wearing dark-coloured clothing and balaclavas, threatened the guard with a gun before snatching cash from the van and driving off.

No shots were fired and no-one was injured.

Borough commander for Maidstone, Ch Insp Dave Pascoe, said: "We appeal to anyone who saw anything suspicious to come forward. The firearm used by the suspects was a handgun and the amount of cash stolen runs into thousands of pounds."

"We are taking this incident very seriously and would be grateful for the public's help."

Anyone with information is asked to phone 01622 604173 or Kent Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

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| <b>Bombay</b>     | 30°C | <b>Sydney</b>     | 17°C |
| <b>Cape Town</b>  | 13°C | <b>Tenerife</b>   | 26°C |
| <b>Cardiff</b>    | 18°C | <b>Tokyo</b>      | 32°C |
| <b>Gibraltar</b>  | 30°C | <b>Vancouver</b>  | 17°C |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>  | 32°C | <b>Warsaw</b>     | 22°C |
| <b>Las Palmas</b> | 27°C | <b>Wellington</b> | 8°C  |

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| Thur              | Fri  | Sat  | Sun  | Mon  | Thur | Fri                  | Sat  | Sun  | Mon  |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Ashford</b>    | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C | 19°C | <b>Gravesend</b>     | 22°C | 23°C | 22°C | 20°C |
| <b>Canterbury</b> | 21°C | 22°C | 22°C | 20°C | 20°C | <b>Maidstone</b>     | 22°C | 22°C | 22°C | 20°C |
| <b>Chatham</b>    | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C | 20°C | <b>Ramsgate</b>      | 21°C | 22°C | 22°C | 20°C |
| <b>Dartford</b>   | 22°C | 23°C | 22°C | 20°C | 20°C | <b>Rochester</b>     | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C |
| <b>Dover</b>      | 19°C | 19°C | 20°C | 18°C | 19°C | <b>Sevenoaks</b>     | 20°C | 20°C | 20°C | 18°C |
| <b>Faversham</b>  | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C | 20°C | <b>Sittingbourne</b> | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C |
| <b>Folkestone</b> | 19°C | 19°C | 20°C | 18°C | 19°C | <b>Tonbridge</b>     | 21°C | 21°C | 21°C | 19°C |
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## Q & A

Fremlin Walk's recently-appointed personal stylist tells **Anna White** what Maidstone shoppers can expect from her service, what she can do for their wardrobes and how she can help them to save money.

**Q** Can you tell us about yourself?

**A** I run an image consultancy called Style Company. I think I have one of the best jobs in the world as I give both men and women the chance to look their very best.

**Q** How did you become a personal stylist?

**A** I worked in the corporate branding world for 15 years and then trained professionally to become an image consultant.

I went on to do the City and Guilds Masters Award in image consultancy and I now write and develop corporate training programmes in personal branding.

**Q** Is it something you always wanted to do?

**A** Yes. I started my career in fashion PR and although I got slightly sidetracked into brand and reputation management, it gave me a fantastic grounding to develop my personal branding company, New Self.

**Q** Why did you choose Fremlin Walk to share your expertise?

**A** Fremlin Walk has a fantastic range of shops and a great customer base.

Retailers in the centre told me that customers wanted extra support with their overall image and shopping – so I was delighted to be able to step in and provide this.

**Q** What can Maidstone's shoppers expect from your service?

**A** Shoppers can come for a personal styling session or a shopping experience to help them find that special outfit or to help them develop a whole new image that is appropriate for their lifestyle. I can help every person build up a cost-effective and efficient wardrobe that has probably 50 per cent fewer clothes in it than they currently own. But they will love them all. Most women only wear 20 per cent of the clothes they own.

**Q** Is it just you involved in the company?

**A** I have a team of freelance consultants that work for me around the country.

**Q** What are the main qualities you look for when hiring a consultant?

**A** A consultant has to have a keen interest in fashion, look stylish and have great communication skills. Additionally, they should have undertaken some foundation training in style and colour analysis with a recognised training provider via the Federation of Image Consultants.

**Q** What do you take into account when styling someone?

**A** Most importantly it is their style preference, such as what style do they want to create and what image do they want to por-

tray. It is very important that people feel comfortable and confident in their clothes.

**Q** Do your customers always like what you pick out?

**A** Yes, because I am choosing within their style preference and not my own personal one.

**Q** What events do people come to you for help for the most?

**A** People have the choice of having a full style and colour analysis consultation, which takes place before a shopping trip or they can just come for personal shopping and styling. Often, clients will come for the shopping first and then realise they would love to have the studio consultation. Most people are staggered at how much they can save by not buying clothes that they don't like and don't wear.

**Q** Have you ever worked with any famous clients?

**A** Yes I have - including some well known TV actresses, but unfortunately they shall have to remain anonymous due to client confidentiality. They all look gorgeous though.

**Q** How can people find out more about your companies?

**A** Visit my personal branding company at [www.newself.co.uk](http://www.newself.co.uk), or my personal stylist company [www.stylecompany.co.uk](http://www.stylecompany.co.uk).

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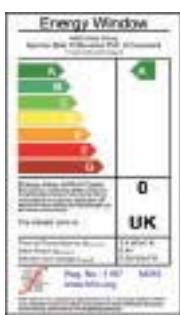
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# Experts baffled by speed camera revenue drop-off

■ BY EMILY HALL

THE number of speeding drivers caught by cameras has dropped by nearly two-thirds in a year, latest figures show.

The surprise drop has baffled road safety experts, but has been put down to a combination of drivers getting used to the cameras and the popularity of sat nav systems.

However, critics say the figures mean nothing if they don't coincide with a reduction in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries.

New statistics show that last year 22,701 drivers were clocked exceeding the speed limit by Gatso cameras and roadside vans – 34,833 fewer than the year before.

"This is a huge drop," said Katherine Barrett of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. "We think people are becoming more tolerant of cameras and more aware of where they are."

"We put signs up to warn motorists, have a ten per cent plus 2mph tolerance level and publish all the locations on the website, so there isn't really an excuse."

"Hopefully people are accepting that cameras are now a permanent safety feature on the roads and not there as revenue raisers."

Since the partnership was formed in 2002, 394,189 drivers have been snapped breaking speed limits at 75 fixed camera sites.

The fixed penalty notices handed out last year represent £1.3 million in revenue for the Government – a huge drop on the £3.4m made in 2007.

Speeding peaked in 2004 when 82,906 people were

**Speeding tickets issued in last six years:**  
 July-Dec 2002 - 26,549  
 2003 - 69,049  
 2004 - 82,906  
 2005 - 65,185  
 2006 - 70,265  
 2007 - 57,534

caught, making £5m. Every driver has to pay at least a £60 fine and gets three points on their licence.

Terry Hudson, area organiser for the Association of British Drivers, said: "This looks good on paper but have the rates of accidents, deaths and injuries gone down, too?"

"Cameras have their uses in some places but I don't think they should be used to judge whether somebody is a good or bad driver. It's about speeding in the wrong places.

"Perhaps the reduction in tickets is due to the downturn in the economy and people using cars less. I think drivers are also more aware of the fines they will have to pay if they are caught."

Road safety campaigner Caroline Hobbs, whose eight-year-old daughter Jade and mother Margaret Kuwertz, 79, were killed while trying to cross the A249 at Detling, near Maidstone, in 2000, gave a cautious welcome the reduction.

"If these figures show cameras are reducing accidents, that's great," she said. "But if it just means a reduction in the number of drivers getting ticketed, then it makes no odds."

"Most people who drive on the A249 are used to the camera being there and slow down, and that could be the case at other sites. And lots of people have sat nav systems now, especially if they do a lot of driving, and they can warn motorists about cameras."

"I'd put this down to people knowing where the cameras are and having better technology to warn them, but even then it's a pretty amazing drop."

The partnership has also just released its latest crash figures, which show the number of people killed or seriously injured has reduced by 63 per cent since 2002.

"There's no getting around it, safety cameras are definitely having an impact on reducing casualties," Ms Barrett said.



TO THE FORE: Dean Headley (left) and Peter Rodd with nurse Angela Padgham

## CLUBBING TOGETHER

A ROUND of golf raised £2,000 for Pilgrims Hospices after 70 lawyers and staff from Kent firm Boys&Maughan played 27 holes at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich.

The fund-raiser was topped off by a dinner, charity raffle and auction – as well as an evening of anecdotes from former England pace bowler Dean Headley.

Pilgrims Hospices provide free palliative care, support for patients, families and their carers at three Kent sites – Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford.

Boys&Maughan partner Peter Rodd said: "Pilgrims Hospices have to raise £8 million each year, in order to keep delivering care to those who need it the most. We are delighted to do our bit in supporting such an excellent cause."

## 'No water shortage despite heatwave'

DESPITE the recent heatwave and predicted glorious summer, Kent is unlikely to see a hosepipe ban over coming months.

Environment Agency manager for Kent and East Sussex Andrew Pearce said the county had plenty of water in its reservoirs and ground water supply because of a wet winter – but we need to save.

He said: "In the South East we have the highest usage of water in the UK," he said. "If we can reduce it by 35 litres a day to 130 litres per person per day, then we can save £1.6 billion in not having to build reservoirs."



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# Celebrate the summer by eating out of doors

**What better way to enjoy the warmer weather than with a barbecue? RACHEL McATHY dodges the queues and ensures all her sausages, burgers and salads are food from Kent**

IF YOU hadn't already noticed, summer is well and truly here.

Which not only means the arrival of a new wardrobe and copious supplies of sun block, but some amazing new taste sensations from the county are also now in season.

And what better way to make the most of Kent's summer selections than with a stop off at our one-stop shop for local foods?

Foodforkent.co.uk has brought together the best food producers from across the county - all in one convenient delivery, so you can get on and enjoy your summer.

They supply a full range of quality groceries, sourced locally wherever possible and delivered to your home.

From fruits and vegetables, to meats and dairy - whatever you need this summer, Foodforkent.co.uk can fill your appetite.

They also offer advice on the top picks of the season, making sure you take away the best our county has to offer each month.

Popular contenders at this time of year include blackberries, gooseberries and cherries. Also, the two favourites of all the summer fruits, raspberries and strawberries, are equally delicious and at their best now.

On the savoury side, there are plenty of vegetables to be snapped up. Old favourites such as broad beans and garden peas are coming into season now, as are courgettes and bunched beetroot. For the true taste of home you should also

try new Kentish potatoes, fresh from the county's soil. For salad lovers, summer is a great time to stock up on the classics of celery, cucumber, French beans, lettuce, tomatoes and radishes.

And we all know that when the sun comes out, the barbecue is often soon to follow.

Luckily, this time of year provides a succulent array of kebabs, burgers and sausages at Foodforkent. And if you buy right now you can snap up a ten per cent discount on all its barbecue range.

What's more, you can avoid the queues of hot and bothered shoppers by ordering from the comfort of your own home, knowing exactly where your barbecue buffet has come from.

Whatever your preference, beef, lamb, chicken, poultry or pork - Foodforkent.co.uk has it all, from local farms.

Of course, if there is simply just too much choice for you to make your mind up, you can always treat yourself and opt for a mixed meat or vegetable box.

If all that was not enough, our online site also has a dazzling display of biscuits and breads, eggs and cheeses, as well as fish, drinks and other kitchen essentials.

And if the summer sun is putting you in a generous mood, there are also gift hampers, or selections of chutneys, jams and marmalades which make an ideal gift for a taste of local produce.

With the summer in full swing, there has never been a better time to sign up for a taste of what Kent has to offer. For more information visit [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) or call 01233 721929.



## Raising a glass to family vineyard's tipple victory

KENT'S oldest family-owned vineyard has won five awards to add to its already strong collection.

Biddenden Vineyards and Cider Works swept the board at the English and Welsh Wine of the Year Competition, the country's largest wine contest.

Biddenden Ortega 2008, a still white wine, picked up two prestigious trophies and a gold medal.

The Biddenden Gribble Bridge Ortega Dry 2008, another still white wine, also won a gold medal, while the Biddenden Gribble Bridge Rosé 2008, was awarded a bronze medal.

MD Julian Barnes will travel to the House of Lords later this month to receive the awards. Biddenden Vineyards is located just outside the historic village of Biddenden in Gribble Bridge Lane. Its full range of products is also available online at [www.biddendenvineyards.com](http://www.biddendenvineyards.com)

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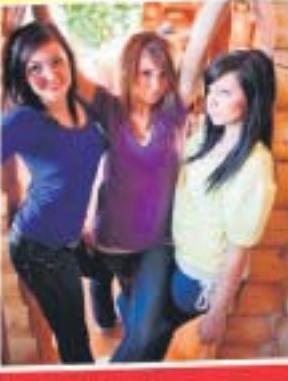
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## BREAK TIME

### Academy offers view of future

PRIMARY school pupils have been sampling activities at what could be their next school.

Year five youngsters from Roseacre Junior, in Bearsted, and Kingswood Primary, attended Cornwallis Academy's first Cornwallis Carousel.

The 110 children were greeted in the academy's new plaza, where they were given a taster lesson in ICT and were challenged to make a Lego robot.

Other tasks included performing arts, PE, design technology and science.

Youngsters from Coxheath and Boughton Monchelsea schools attended a second Cornwallis Carousel on Friday.

### Smart move, Megan

A SCHOOL has been rewarded for a pupil's creativity with a day of learning circus tricks.

Youngsters at Thurnham Primary spent last Wednesday with road safety double act the Smart Brothers after KS1 pupil Megan MacMahon won a county-wide road safety poster design competition.

The Smart Brothers taught the pupils circus tricks that represent different dangers children are exposed to when crossing the road.

The poster competition was open to each of the 24 schools the brothers Freddie and Eddie Smart – who are played by Stuart Clark and Jason Perry – visited during 2009.

Sutton Valence School's KS2 pupil Cara Birchall also won first prize.

# It was too close to call, but everyone's a winner

■ BY ANNA WHITE

THREE teams were announced joint winners of the county's first sporting challenge for disabled youngsters after the decision was deemed too close to call.

The final of the Kent Panathlon Challenge – a multi-sports event for young disabled people – took place at the Malling School in East Malling on July 1.

More than 100 finalists were chosen from about 200 youngsters who took part in heats throughout Kent in April.

The teams were made up of special needs youngsters from different areas of the county including Mid Kent, Ashford, Malling and Sevenoaks, Sheppeney and Sittingbourne, and Dartford.

During the final round the teams had to complete a number of sports – similar to the Paralympics – such as athletics, polybat and new-age kurling.

After a day of competitive sport, officials declared the contest too close to call and named the Mid Kent, Ashford and Dartford teams as joint winners.

Each of the teams won the same number of points for each of the six events.

Malling and Sevenoaks secured fourth place and Sheppeney and Sittingbourne came fifth.

Organiser Ashley Iceton said: "What a wonderful way to end the first Kent Panathlon final. We are used to close finishes because the



**JOINT WINNERS:** The Malling and Sevenoaks team with Malling School principal Carl Roberts

competition is so intense, but we couldn't separate the winners this time. Everyone is looking forward to the 2010 event."

The Panathlon Challenge has been delivering Paralympics-type sports events in London and Liverpool for ten years.

The scheme was brought to Kent for the first time this year after donations from the BBC's Children in Need fund and the St James' Place Foundation, including more than £16,000 of free sports equipment and expert coaching.

Paralympian gold medallist and Panathlon Challenge patron Danny Crates said:

"Panathlon is an excellent example of young people given the opportunity to compete in sport at the level that is appropriate for them.

"We thank Children in Need and the St James' Place Foundation for their kind grant which has enabled many schools across Kent to benefit."

Disabled pupils from eight school partnerships took part, including students who attend Swadlincote in Maidstone, Ridgeview in Tonbridge, Wyvern in Ashford; Malling School; Meadowfield in Sittingbourne; and Milestone in New Ash Green.

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IS IT just me or are other people worried about the problems caused by membership of this wretched European Economic Community?

I recently accompanied my son to the Jobcentre as, despite having a degree, he is unable to find a job. As the clock ticked half an hour past our appointment time, I picked up some literature which was lying around on a nearby, cracked table.

In it, I noticed further copies of that leaflet, on how to claim benefits, available in 26 other languages and, if you did not speak one of those, translations were available whatever your language!

In other words, immigrants who are not even able to speak English have the Department of Work and Pensions bending over backwards to help them claim unemployment benefits you, I and other taxpayers fund?

"But there aren't that many non-English speaking unemployed anyway" you might say? You are probably right. Most of them seem to

be employed in front-line "customer-service" positions by councils, banks and other institutions in an attempt to make it as difficult as possible for us to complain about anything.

I read the newspapers and note with interest the application of the Racial Equality Laws in this country. I smile when I hear about incidents which the police would usually do nothing about, suddenly being taken extremely seriously if one of the involved plays the race card.

Local immigrant associations claim their members are singled out for abuse. Why are they so surprised? Their members choose to live in groups, wear different clothes, follow different religions, eat different foods and many can't even speak English.

They set themselves up as apart from everyone else in this country, and then complain they are treated differently. Whose fault is that?

What finally prompted me to write this rant has been the proliferation of 'UK Border Patrol' programmes on TV.

On these shows, on the rare occasions when officials catch would-be illegal immigrants try-

ing to get in or already in the country (and often working, taking the job my son so desperately needs!), they simply take their details and let them out on bail?

I would love to know how many known illegals have been caught, arrested, released and are currently at large again in the UK?

And if you think me a racist thug for my views and blame me and "others" like me for the recent successes of the BNP, you should know I am black – that is black, not "ethnically challenged" or of a "coloured persuasion" or any other of that politically correct rubbish!

I was born in India and emigrated to the UK many years ago. I consider myself British, as reflected in my speech, my integration with the my community, my willingness to obey English laws and, in all ways, to act British, not set myself apart!

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encores being Don't Cha, mixed up with Show Me Love and When I Grow Up. With a finale like that it promises to be one of the best endings to a concert at Quex Park, and the best feel good tonic ever devised!

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## TALK TIME

### NEIL DENNEY

The police community support officer talks about the problems in his patch and how he plans to solve them.



**What area in Maidstone do you cover?**  
I cover the Barming Heath area of Maidstone.

**Tell us what your role includes.**  
My job is to tackle low-level crime in my area and provide a visible presence to the community. This way the residents know I am easily approachable to deal with any issues they may have.

**What are the main issues in the area, which have been raised by the residents?**

I mostly deal with concerns such as litter on the heath, which is a playing field on the Springwood estate, and anti-social behaviour, where young people congregate around the shops on Turrigan Road, which is a nuisance for residents who often complain about the noise.

**How do you plan to address these issues?**

I am putting together Litter Target Days. I also aim to be on patrol at key times in the day to deal with the issues of littering when I have been told it is of most concern. I believe that by engaging with people who cause problems, they can be educated on how their behaviour affects others.

**How can residents get in touch with you?**

I hold regular surgeries for residents so that we can have in depth talks about problems they are experiencing. People can call me 07772 226176, or email maidstone.urban.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk. When I'm on foot patrol people are also welcome to approach me.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Hop Farm was a truly great festival

I just wanted to write and say what a brilliant time we both had at the Hop Farm Festival at Paddock Wood.

Great to see Echo and the Bunneymen and Florence and the Machine.

Brilliant fun, not overpriced ... and Paul Weller was excellent. George and Roanna, from Maidstone, by email.

### Music event was one of the best

I would like to praise the organisers of this year's Hop Farm Festival.

As the number of similar events mushrooms across Kent,

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and the UK, it is one of the good ones. Not cheap but we were very lucky with the weather and it was a memorable event.

Well done.

Eric Johansson, by email.

### Fast trains driving us out of town

As someone who commutes daily to London aboard what is laugh-

ingly called a regular train service, I remain outraged that the new, and more expensive, fast service to the capital is not available to me. Worse than that it seems we will lose our regular 'fast' train services at other times of the day. Who are the people who decided to exclude the county town from what appears to be an excellent new high speed service?

I suppose we will all have to consider abandoning Maidstone for the delights of Ashford. It may be further away but it's now only 37 minutes from the centre of London. Or will rail organisers relent and recognise how many of us commute?

Edward Truman, from Maidstone, by email.

## Be a good sport, add some danger

Regarding the correspondence in your letters page about the merits or otherwise of tennis as opposed to other sports I would like to add my thoughts.

As it is a non-physical contact sport and one in which the only risk of injury is a sprained ankle I feel it should be categorised as a game rather than a sport.

Sports should have some sort of risk involved – whether it be physical contact such as is a part of football, rugby or hockey or the dangers of facing fast bowling as in cricket. Other activities which should be classified as sports are athletics, swimming and combats such as boxing, judo etc.

And I feel games should encompass things such as tennis, along with badminton and bowls.

Brian McBride, by email.

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## Nothing funny about stupid film advert

I wish to state my annoyance at a particular advertisement which seems to be all over the place at the moment. It's far a film and it's a picture of comic Sacha Baron Cohen in his character of Bruno.

The poster is on every bus that seems to go past my home as well as numerous other places and is deeply annoying, showing the character in ridiculous shorts and top.

Am I the only person to find this man and his Borats and Brunos about as funny as swine flu?

Thelma Hughes  
by email.

## Moral compass is way off the mark

Surely if the phrase "political correctness gone mad" can ever be correctly applied it is the decision of a police force to give compasses to Muslim prisoners the direction of Mecca so that they can pray correctly.

If there ever was a more useful tool for someone who is attempting to escape incarceration and go on the run no-one has discovered it.

Why not give them a file, a change of clothes and false papers to go with it?

Ian Paynter  
by email.

## We should be happy to see the visitors

With summer comes the influx of young foreign visitors to our towns and cities – a thing not often praised by Kentish residents. But I feel it is good they come here and take an interest in our history – which usually involves us putting one over them if they are French or German.

So I am calling on people when they see a crocodile of slow moving children eating sweets and speaking in a foreign tongue. Don't complain – thank them for benefiting our economy.

Mark Davies  
by email.

## Roads to ferry port are bad for journeys

As a visitor to Kent using the ferries to get to the continent I noticed how inadequate the transport network is – and it started to drive me mad.

I didn't want to spend part of my trip queuing to get into the port behind loads of lorries clogging up the way through Dover. Surely if it is one of the busiest ports in the world it should be able to be reached by something better than a main road through a town? It does nothing to give a good impression of the "gateway to Europe".

Teresa Roberts  
by email.



## Violence is the sad reality of a night out

I would like to say thank you for your coverage of the trouble that has been experienced in some of our town's nightclubs.

My parents drew it to my attention as I am a regular at two of our well-known nightclubs.

The truth is that many people who go out have had way too much to drink beforehand. The truth is that some people I know – male and female – see a row or argument as an acceptable end to an evening out. And it can be frightening.

But I imagine it is the same in every town like ours. What is important is that club owners ensure their security staff are properly trained to deal with the realities. And if we all expect the police to be there when things go wrong, we – and that means the club owners who make such a huge profit – must be prepared to pay their wages.

Please print this letter but do not release my name and address.

A Maidstone clubber (aged 20) by email.  
Full name and address supplied.



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Royal visitors to give seal of approval as county's farmers and producers prepare for the highlight of their year

### KENT COUNTY SHOW

Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19  
Kent Showground, Detling



ROYAL visitors will be taking part in the Kent County Show's 80th celebration.

On Friday, the Earl and Countess of Wessex are due to be attending the Kent County Agricultural Society's show to meet many of the county's farmers, growers and food producers.

They will also see the Young Farmers display, which will feature more than 400 young people showing their cattle, sheep, pigs and small pets during the three-day event.

The Royal couple have also been asked to present long service awards to agricultural workers.

The visit will provide an exciting start to the show, which has a vast array of attractions to interest all the family. After an absence of many years, the King's Troop Royal Horse

Artillery will be treating spectators to an outstanding display twice daily in the main Astor Ring. Marvel at the skill and discipline of the horses and their riders as they demonstrate how to manoeuvre guns, pick up pegs with a lance, handle swords and fire a revolver from a galloping horse.

On Friday, the Coakham Bloodhounds will be in action in the Astor and Falmouth Rings, while a display illustrating 80 years of agricultural machinery takes place in the Falmouth Ring every day.

#### Animal magic

On all three days, the police dog demonstration will shed light on the important work of canine officers. There will be more animal magic from the twice-daily bird of prey flying demonstrations by The Hawking Centre, as well as ferret and terrier racing in the Countryside Area and the Warrenby Gun Dogs.

Learn about farming with the educational live stage show about sheep

and wool, while the Sheep, Dog and Duck Display will be entertaining for all the family.

Dogs are put through their paces in the flyball races and there will be more excitement with the Ken Fox Wall of Death.

Young riders tackle tough obstacles in the display by the Kent Youth Trials Club, and visitors can meet Titan the Robot, a humanoid entertainment robot.

A display in the Kent Pavilion, Remembering Kent: An 80-Year Journey, explores the collaborations between the showground and many of the county's organisations. The EcoVillage returns and there will also be an exhibition by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

The show runs from 8am to 6pm each day. Tickets cost £17/£12 for adults, £7.50 for children and £43 for families.

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### MILKSHAKE! LIVE

Saturday July 18 & Sunday July 19  
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



POPULAR children's characters will take to the stage in Milkshake! Live My First Concert.

Rupert the Bear, Peppa Pig, Noddy and the Mr Men are among the favourite figures appearing in this new show, providing the perfect introduction to theatre for young children. With live music, lots of songs and dance routines, the show will help youngsters to discover the joy of live entertainment.

The touring show is a live version of Five's

successful programming for children, allowing characters to step out of the screen and onto the stage.

Children and their families can join in the songs and dance along with Little Miss Daredevil, Fifi and Bumble from Fifi & the Flowertots, Little Princess and more.

They will be joined on stage by Milkshake! presenters Naomi Wilkinson, Beth Evans, Jen Pringle and Derek Moran.

Tickets cost £10 for the 10.30am performance on Saturday. For all other performances tickets cost £14.50 for adults and £12.50 for children, concessions available. To book call 01892 530613/532072 or visit [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).

### HARVEY ANDREWS

Thursday July 23  
Brook Theatre, Chatham



ACCLAIMED songwriter Harvey Andrews is an acoustic master with a knack for telling stories.

Artists such as Mary Hopkin and Christy Moore have covered his songs, while folk stars like Martin Carthy, Ralph McTell, Richard Thompson, Danny Thompson and Dave Pegg have played on his recordings. He has performed as far afield as Canada, the US, Newfoundland and Ascension Island.

Andrews has appeared on more than 50 television shows, including the Old Grey Whistle Test and Rhythm on Two, and has made his own TV contribution by writing and singing the theme songs for Golden Pennies and The Haunted School. He also sang the



theme tune for the British film, Psychomania.

A much admired songwriter, Andrews' lyrics were used in course work for the national GCSE English language exam and another lyric appeared in the Oxford

University Book of English Traditional Verse.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 or £9 for folk mailing list members. To book call 01634 338338 or visit [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).

### SNAKE DAVIS

Friday, July 17  
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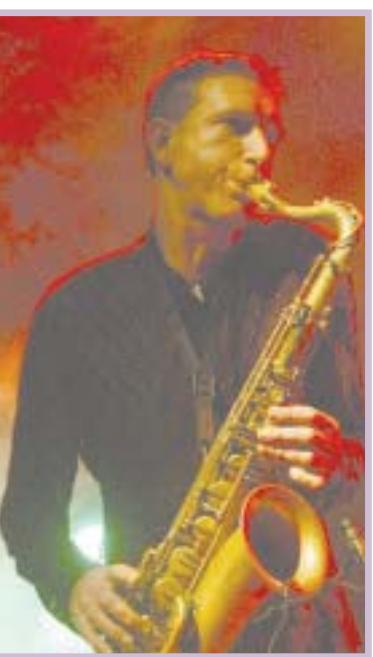
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During his busy career to date he has recorded with a diverse range of stars including Ray Charles, Tom Jones, George Michael, Tina Turner, Take That, Cher, Kylie Minogue, Paul McCartney, Motorhead and the Spice Girls.

He has graced the stage with the likes of M-People, the Eurythmics, Edwin Starr and Boy George and worked on film scores with Dave Stewart, Pet Shop Boys, Sting and David Arnold. His TV appearances included a spell as resident saxophonist on Tonight with Jonathan Ross.

Playing his own mix of soul, world, funk and jazz music, Davis also brings in the Japanese shakuhachi and Irish whistle to create an unmistakeable, raw sound.

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## MAIDSTONE LEISURE

### Shakespeare's tale to help children's charity

A PERFORMANCE of The Merchant of Venice is being staged in West Farleigh on Friday.

The Hazlitt Arts Centre and Changeling Theatre will perform Shakespeare's tale in aid of Dandelion Time, for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Bring a picnic, there will be a licensed bar and raffle.

The show is in Dandelion Time's garden at Elmscroft House, Charlton Lane at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15, call 01622 814001 or visit [www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk).

### Map out new interest inspired by Darwin

EMBARK on a voyage of discovery at a map-making day at Maidstone Museum.

Inspired by Darwin's travels on the HMS Beagle, the day will give children aged under 12 the chance to make and age their own maps.

The two-hour sessions start at 10.30am and 1.30pm on Monday. Details from [www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk) or call 01622 602838.

### Jazz band put on the Ritz at the Pantiles

THE season of free jazz concerts continues at the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells on Thursday.

With a long-time residency at The Ritz under their belt, this five-piece band play swinging tributes to the great American songwriters, such as Richard Rogers and George Gershwin. The music starts at 7.30pm. Details from [www.thepantilesonline.co.uk](http://www.thepantilesonline.co.uk).

### Let spirits guide you to pub's live music night

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They offer a wide range of health and fitness activities, including new treatments such as Aboriginal massage, Thai compress massage, red vein treatment and skin tag removal.

The Reef has just celebrated its first anniversary which included raising money for Cancer Research and Demelza House, and staff would like to thank all those who helped.

Clare Cockell, managing director, said: "I have always enjoyed things like doing make-up and hair for friends, but never thought of it as a career until I was studying travel and tourism but finding it difficult to get a job."

"I returned to college and trained in beauty and after my course began to work in a large spa and found I loved it."

A relaxation room allows clients to get away from stress of modern day life in the heart of a bustling town centre.

The Reef has been voted one of the top 50 salons in the UK by readers of Professional Beauty Magazine. Clare said it was a "fantastic honour" and said thank you to everyone who voted.

To celebrate the achievement the salon is offering £15 off the Magic of the Outback body massage, which is a style brought back from Australia by experienced therapists Lauren Kemmett and Mia O'Rourke. The offer is valid for three months.

Spa days and massages are among the most popular treatments. Opening hours are Mondays and Fridays 9am to 6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am to 8.30pm, Saturdays 9am to 5pm and Sundays 10am to 5pm.

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■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

### PSYCHOVILLE

BBC 2, 10pm, Friday

IN a week of bizarre news – which saw mourners wave a white-gloved goodbye to the king of pop and a man drowned in a vat of chocolate – Psychoville seems genteel in comparison.

The fourth instalment of this serial killer panto was most notable for one extraordinary thing.

It wasn't the usual queasy blend of Hammer horror schlock and dark humour that was unusual.

Anyone familiar with its creators – the men behind BBC2's equally disturbing League of Gentlemen – will be well used to that.

What was incredible was how technically perfect this episode seemed, done as it was in one long unflinching and brutally involving shot.

For the unaware, Psychoville tells the macabre tale of a freakish assortment of murderous characters all over the country who are being blackmailed by a shadowy raincoated and glove-wearing bokke.

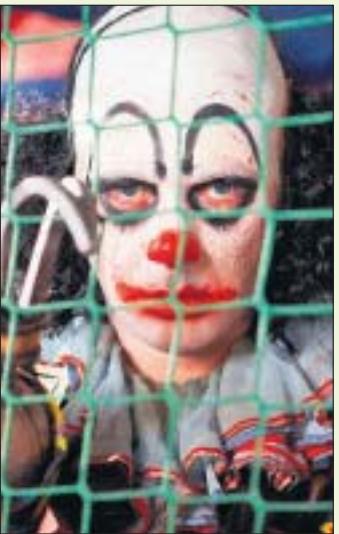
Its cast includes a blind toy-obsessed loner, a porn movie panto dwarf, a one-handed clown and a nurse who thinks her baby doll is alive.

The previous three episodes paraded the oddball cast in a series of cringe-inducing, bloodthirsty and lurid scenarios – that were often brutal, slickly edited and occasionally hilarious.

A link between all of them has been hinted at and it appeared we were headed towards a formulaic ending, tying up the loose ends.

But on Thursday last week, the show took an unexpected detour into an apparently traditional BBC format – the television play.

For 30 minutes, Psychoville's two most disturbing stars – mum-and-son team David and Maureen Sowerbutts



**FUN'S OVER:** BBC2's Psychoville was created by the team behind the League of Gentleman

(Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith) – took centre stage.

David and Maureen are so decidedly creepy, they could easily be the two most disturbing television characters ever imagined.

Their incestuous exchanges are thrown into shocking focus by his encyclopaedic knowledge of mass murderers and her homely homicidal tendencies.

Psychoville is not an easily forgotten monsters ball.

Aside from the gruesome violence, there are some wicked one-liners. To describe it simply as black comedy is an understatement that ranks alongside "that Jackie could dance a bit".

The single-shot experiment worked a treat – and highlighted the flawless timing and talent of Pemberton and Shearsmith. Their interaction is simply frightening to recall.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19) YOU exude animal magnetism, getting admiring glances wherever you go. Of course, amour could be the last thing on your mind right now. It seems as though creative pursuits are taking up most of your attention. You could discover a talent for one of the performing arts.

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### PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20) TRUST your feelings this week, especially as far as men are concerned. A relative or colleague thinks that you're a threat. If he tries to bully you into going against your interests, put your foot down. If you're house hunting, go ahead and haggle for the best price available.

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### ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 20) YOU'RE even more restless than usual and very tired of the same old routines. If you're dating you may be tempted to ditch them and find someone sexier, but be careful you could let a perfectly good relationship slip through your fingers and end up regretting your skittishness.

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### CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 23) A SURGE of creative energy prompts you to take time out to work alone on a pet project. You get more satisfaction from writing, painting, and music than you do from work or family. Naturally some may feel alienated by your behaviour, but that can't be helped.

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### TAURUS

(Apr 21-May 21) EARNING more money has become your top priority. You hate venturing out of your comfort zone, but it's becoming more and more apparent you need to do so in order to increase your earnings. If this means trying your hand in a different industry, so be it.

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### GEMINI

(May 22-Jun 22) GETTING in shape will not only make you look better, it will also lift your spirits. Pretty soon, you'll renew your interest in people and activities that used to give you pleasure. Don't worry what others will think of your new routine. When it comes to fitness, do it for yourself.

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### LEO

(Jul 24-Aug 23) SPENDING more time with friends helps ease any tension that's been building. Recently, demands have kept you cut off from your nearest and dearest. This is a difficult situation for you. By scaling back your work schedule, you'll be back to your happy, spontaneous self in no time.

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### VIRGO

(Aug 24-Sep 23) PEOPLE are looking to you for leadership, so don't be shy about asserting yourself. You need to be exacting with colleagues who have a tendency to slack off. Granted, your high expectations won't make you very popular, but it will yield impressive results.

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### SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22) YOUR pulling power is at an all-time high this week. Twisting someone around your little finger will be easy. It really isn't fair to play with their affections when you are so irresistible, but nobody can accuse you of being a saint and a little bit of what you fancy will do you good.

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### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 21) IT'S time to even the score with a best friend, business partner or lover. Lately they have been riding roughshod over you. Stand up for yourself and they'll stop taking you for granted. If someone special has caught your eye you'll have to make the first move.

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### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20) TAKE an objective attitude toward work. If you're given responsibilities that are beneath your ability, do them anyway. Your employer is too short staffed to tolerate temper tantrums. Besides, if you put in a good performance now, you may be promoted when times get better.

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# Robin blossoms when she steps in Pippa's clothes

■ BY LISA WILLIAMS

I'VE been talking to Robin Wright Penn for ten minutes and she's already slipped into an English accent three times.

We're in Edinburgh, where she is promoting her latest film *The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee* and on the first two occasions I assume she's putting it on for comic effect.

On the third, I can't help but point these moments of received pronunciation and she looks startled.

"I know," the 43-year-old says confessionally. "It's because when I'm around you people I feel just like I have to speak like this because I hate my accent. I feel very American around you guys."

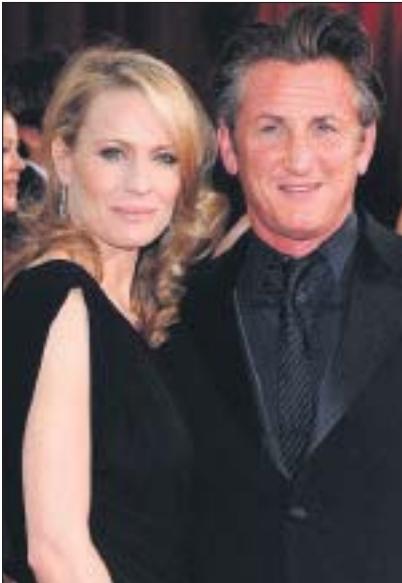
She starts making a whining sound and adds: "That's what I sound like to myself when I'm around you."

Robin's father is English so she had a head-start with the accent and the California-based actress admits that – after putting on her costume – adopting another accent helps her get into character.

"Clothing is so important to me when finding a character. It changes your walk, the way you hold your arms, the way you sit: it's maybe the most important thing. Of course, if you have an accent, that's even better."

In her title role as Pippa Lee, a 50-year-old woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, Robin didn't have to feign an accent. But her clothes, she says, were instrumental in getting herself into the prim and proper role.

Given starched beige trousers and plain blouses, her on-screen wardrobe is eye-catching in its plainness.



**ROBIN'S LIVES:** Robin Wright Penn with husband Sean

"It was genius picking those very conservative, wardrobe pieces for me, and the curl in the hair aged me, too."

Although close to her character in age, the almost-50 actress says the clothes really helped her get into the part.

"I really felt her, every day, because I wear this," she says, pointing at her skinny jeans and tailored leather jacket. "Always have."

In the film, Pippa has an affair with her friend's son, played by Keanu Reeves, who rescues her from her troubled past and the suburban drudgery in which she ends up living.

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Pitched to movie audiences as an age-gap relationship film, in real life Keanu is actually a year older than Robin.

She admits that kissing him on set wasn't strange, because of the on-screen chemistry.

"He was so perfect for it. I feel like we were blessed to have him do it, because it didn't feel strange. The dynamic was already there. To me, that's chemical," she says, her voice inflecting upwards as if asking a question.

"When a director knows, when they walk in, that that person clicks, and we just had it," she continues.

"We needed Pippa to be seen and he's the first person that actually sees her for who she is. It's beautiful as it's like she's then set free, allowed to blossom."

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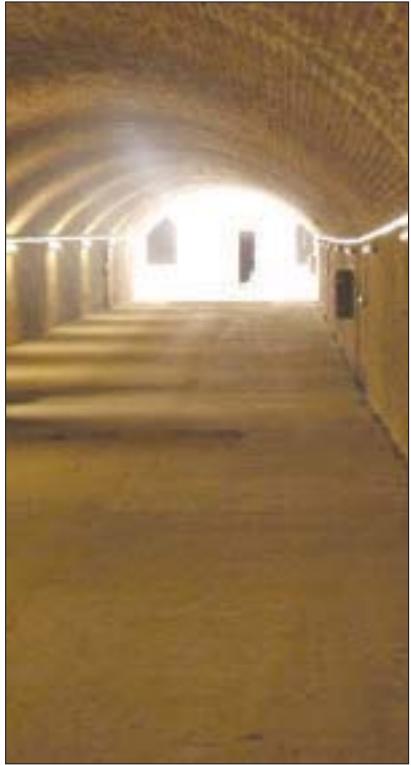
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# Top DJs get Tunnel Vision as fort hosts house night



**GOOD VIBES:** Fort Horsted will be playing host to Kent-born DJ Jim Rivers (above left) in an epic day/nighter

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Napoleonic Fort Horsted will be brought into the 21st century next month during a one-off night of house, techno and dubstep.

The historic monument, built in 1880, will host Smirnoff's Tunnel Vision night on Saturday, August 1.

Headliners include Maidstone-born DJ Jim Rivers and David E Sugar, who has recently toured with the likes of overnight sensations La Roux, Calvin Harris and Klaxons.

Jim, whose DJ-ing talents have taken him across the US, Australia and Europe, said he was looking forward to his home-coming gig.

He said: "Although I was born in Maidstone, I've been living in Bristol for the last few years and have been touring around the world, so it's good to come back to Kent and stake my claim again."

"I'm looking forward to the event – the venue looks really good. I can't say I've ever DJed in a Napoleonic fort before!"

"I'll be playing a mixture – everything from deep house to techno and everything in between. I really want to get people going."

A Tunnel Vision spokesman said: "The fort will play host to one of the most unique events – a day/nighter of epic proportions."

"Visitors will walk over the drawbridge and through the gatehouse into a venue presenting the finest visuals, lightshows and sound-systems, while the best new DJs play house, techno, dubstep and breaks across two rooms."

"Upon entering the grounds, visitors will be transported back in time with Napoleonic mil-



itary re-enactments, hog roasts and an abundance of historic shenanigans."

Joining Jim in The Tunnel room will be fellow house and techno DJs Dodek, Mode: Repeat, Lee Brinx, Alex K, Tom Jobson and Deano Loco.

The Other Room boasts the likes of Dycey, J-Varn, Small Fry, Jay Kenzo and Big Trouble.

Adam French and Anthony Froom will also provide sunset beats on the Sunshine Terrace.

A limited number of saver tickets are available at £12, with the standard entry set at £15. Tickets are available from [www.clubtickets.com](http://www.clubtickets.com) and by phoning 0870 2462050.

Tunnel Vision is operating a bus service from the River Bar in Maidstone. It will leave at 5pm and return at 3am.

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## Rural escape is fun for the family

■ BY JEREMY GATES

TAKING care to dodge the cyclists, I moved to the edge of the rutted chalk footpath to take in the view from Britain's next national park – and saw a panorama to compare with the Alps.

To the north, beyond the plain of the Weald, was the ridge my National Trust notes identified as the Hog's Back. "Blunt bow-headed, whale-backed downs" is how Rudyard Kipling described a similar scene.

Below me, the village of South Harting was nestled around its medieval church spire, the fields occasionally patterned by sunlight bursting between clouds.

Gloomsters agonise about the fate of the South Downs when it becomes Britain's 15th National Park in 2010. But in the sleepy rural lanes of West Sussex, southwards from Crawley through the Arun Valley to the coast, only a vivid imagination would worry about this special place getting too crowded.

The town of Arundel, for example, is such a historic gem that you would expect it to be swamped already.

Is the castle worth it for visitors paying £15 per head? Probably, because you get so many bangs for your bucks: walled gardens, augmented by the spectacular Earl Collector's Garden opened last summer; the keep and its ancient battlements, voice-overs re-enacting a Civil War siege; and then the house itself, largely rebuilt in the late-19th Century and family home for generations of the Howards, one England's great Catholic families.

Beyond the castle are the sort of attractions that would enable a family to holiday happily



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around Arundel this summer for a week.

At Swanborough Lake, where families go boating beneath cliffs covered in trees and bushes, the setting is so perfect that Sir Winston Churchill tried to paint it when he stayed at the castle.

Nearby, the 65-acre Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, part of the famous charity based at Slimbridge, offers challenges galore with an 'eco' theme: sunrise safaris; evening bat walks; silent, electric boat rides; summer pond-dipping and bug-hunting; collections of rare species of wildfowls; and play areas with two new giant bird feeders large enough for children to climb inside.

A couple of miles away was our base to explore this delightful corner of West Sussex: the remarkable Bailiffs court Hotel, one of few country-house hotels with the sea at the

bottom of the garden – the English Channel on the shingle of Climping Beach.

With mellow stone walls beneath a massive thatched roof, Bailiffs court would appear to be a centuries-old Cotswold house. In fact, this splendid architectural fake was created by the Guinness family in the 1930s, and has become the sort of place where couples go for a quiet, luxurious stay to remember.

Forget all that waffle about Wi-Fi – our room had a huge four-poster bed, an open fireplace, already laid with paper and kindling, and a basket of logs to be tossed on the flames whenever we felt a tad chilly.

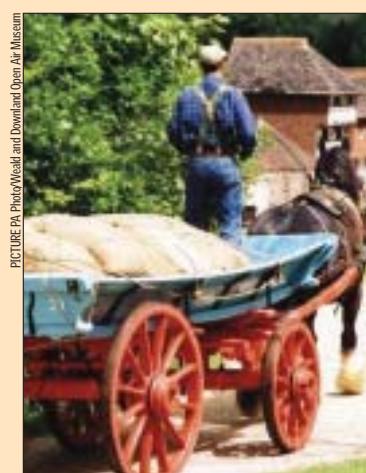
Next morning, before breakfast, the ultimate luxury: a choice between a visit to the health club with both indoor and outdoor pools, or an easy stroll down to the beach to share the rising dawn with the wave-skimming seagulls.

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| County town     | Chichester |
| Language        | English    |
| Population      | 780,000    |
| Currency        | Sterling   |
| Religion        | Christian  |
| Climate         | Temperate  |

### Travel facts

Jeremy Gates was a guest of Bailiffs court Hotel & Spa, Climping, West Sussex, with double rooms (B&B) from £210 per night. Reservations: 01903 723511 or log on to [www.hshotels.co.uk](http://www.hshotels.co.uk).



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### Offset mortgages can work saving wonders

OFFSET mortgages can be attractive for borrowers with spare cash they want to hang on to but that is not earning much interest because of low interest rates.

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They work because those who use them as well as taking out a mortgage have a separate savings account with the bank that has lent the mortgage.

Instead of receiving interest, these linked accounts reduce the interest paid on the mortgage.

The account balance is subtracted from the mortgage debt, with loan interest only charged on the net difference.

According to First Direct, the average homeowner earns 4.6 per cent on savings linked to these mortgages.

However, offset loan rates can be higher than those on other mortgages.

Offsets make most sense for borrowers with significant savings, particularly higher-rate taxpayers who would otherwise lose 40 per cent of their interest in taxable accounts.

### Company tackles site shunned by builders

REGENERATION specialist the Brownfield Land Assembly Company has bought the old Bede and Dunstan Homes in College Road, Deal, and plans to build 16 new affordable homes.

The five two-bedroom houses and 11 three-bedroom houses will be built to Level 3 of the Government's Code for Sustainable Homes and will be among the greenest in the area.

BLAC is funded by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency and has been established by Hyde Housing Association Limited, RJ Barwick Limited and South East England Development Agency to tackle the shortage of housing in the South East.

It is funded specifically to identify, acquire and make useable difficult development sites. The College Road site had not attracted commercial interest due to the presence of asbestos, demolition costs and flood-risk issues.

BLAC is now working with Dover District Council and the Environment Agency to prepare the half-acre site for construction. Subject to planning permission, it is hoped construction will begin towards the end of the year.



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# Prepay charges that punish county's poor

ENERGY firms operating in the county may be in breach of EU rules by overcharging thousands of our poorest households.

The warning comes from the National Housing Federation as energy regulator Ofgem has been accused of failing hard-up families.

It comes after it emerged that several energy firms were allowed to overcharge prepay meter customers by £464 million over a three-year period.

While they are allowed to charge higher prices to prepay customers to cover meter installation and maintenance costs, those charges need to be 'cost-reflective', otherwise suppliers risk being in breach of EU directives.

Between 2006-08, millions of prepay meter customers were charged well in excess of the average extra cost for installing and maintaining both gas and electricity prepay meters,

■ BY NICK AMES

estimated by Ofgem as being £87 over direct debit tariffs.

According to official figures, npower, British Gas, E.ON, SSE and Scottish Power all charged prepay customers more than the average cost of supplying meters – even though households with prepay meters only have an average income of £16,000.

Many prepay meter users in the region are classed as vulnerable customers such as single-parent families.

Even though they pay for their fuel up front, the big energy firms have frequently charged them more in recent years than any other customer group.

Ofgem is to finish consulting on the new regulations that it hopes will stop energy firms from charging prepay customers more for their gas and electricity than the figure justi-

fied by the extra cost to the supplier of providing a meter. The watchdog said the aim of the changes to the regulations was to "better reflect the EU directives and to address the detriment caused to consumers".

Simon Nunn, southern head for the National Housing Federation, said: "It is an absolute disgrace that those who are least able to afford it are being penalised because of the way they pay their bills.

"Unscrupulous energy firms have been overcharging vulnerable people for years and Ofgem now needs to act to defend the rights of ordinary people rather than protecting the profits of big business.

"Some companies, including npower, E.ON and Scottish Power, have already proved that energy firms can absorb the additional costs rather than passing them on to their poorest customers, and Ofgem must outlaw the practice of discriminating against prepay meter users once and for all."

# Welcome home for the Forces



HOME TO ROOST: Celebrations at the first Armed Forces Day look set to continue as Ward Homes offers military personnel a financial incentive to get on the property ladder

THE county's military servicemen and women are being offered incentives to help them get their feet on the property ladder.

People employed by the Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, as well as anyone who served in the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, all qualify for an Armed Forces Discount Scheme from Kent housebuilder Ward Homes.

The scheme is available at Eden Village in Sittingbourne, Priory Meadows on Sheppesh, The Woodlands in Boughton Monchelsea and its latest development, Pavilion Place in Snodland, which was launched this month.

Anyone set to retire from the Armed Forces this year will be eligible until the end of 2009.

They will be offered a £500 discount for

every £25,000 or part thereof on the cost of the property they are buying.

For example, on a home costing £126,000 they would qualify for a reduction of £3,000.

The move has been brought in to coincide with Armed Forces Day.

"This country rightly celebrates the achievements of its Armed Forces, which many regard as the best in the world," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have an established track record of helping people into home ownership and this offer should enable servicemen and women to finally own their own homes and save money.

"What gives us the edge over other people selling homes is that we provide customers

with innovative financial incentives which enable them to get a mortgage."

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Eden Village include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, priced from £146,950.

Two-bedroom houses are available for sale at Priory Meadows from £139,950.

Three-bedroom houses are available at The Woodlands, with prices starting at £224,950.

Pavilion Place, a development of 44 homes, has also been launched.

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Pavilion Place include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, with prices starting at £199,950.

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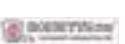
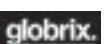
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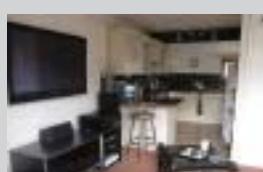
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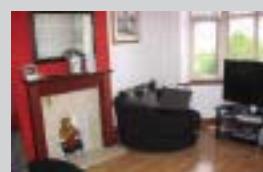
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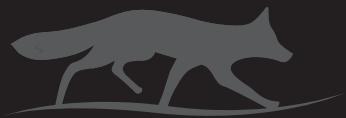


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**Hempstead** £335,000  

- 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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- 6 BED DETACHED
- 3 RECEPTION AREAS
- 2 EN-SUITES UPSTAIRS
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- EN-SUITE DOWNSTAIRS
- VILLAGE LOCATION
- NO CHAIN

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**Chatham** £279,995  

- MODERN 4 BED DETACHED
- 16FT LOUNGE
- CONSERVATORY
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- 15FT KITCHEN
- GARDEN WITH HOT TUB
- BLUE BELL HILL VILLAGE

REF: 00000412



**Upnor** £525,000  

- 5 BED EXECUTIVE DETACHED
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- 2 EN-SUITES
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- SECLUDED POSITION
- 5 PIECE SUITE IN BATHROOM
- VILLAGE LOCATION
- SET OVER THREE FLOORS

REF: GSV04277



**Walderslade** £340,000  

- UNIQUE 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
- 'L' SHAPED LOUNG-DINER
- RECEPTION 2/ STUDY
- G/FLOOR BATHROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- LARGE SECLUDED PLOT
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- DETACHED GARAGE

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**Wigmore** Guide Price £325,000 - £350,000  

- 1940's DETACHED BUNGALOW
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- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- STUNNING SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LARGE GARDEN

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**Hempstead** £365,000  

- 4/5 BEDROOM DETACHED
- 2 RECEPTION AREAS
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER
- GOOD PLOT
- DRIVEWAY
- UPSTAIRS STUDY/BEDROOM 5
- CLOAKROOM
- 2 GARAGES

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**Bredgar** £354,995  

- DETACHED COTTAGE
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- 3 BEDROOMS
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**Iwade** Guide Price £550,000 - £575,000  

- 5 BEDROOM DETACHED
- 1 BEDROOM ANNEXE
- 2 EN-SUITES
- ALARM SYSTEM
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**Rochester** £375,000  

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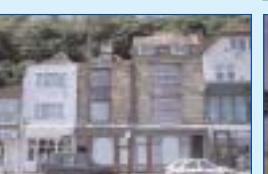
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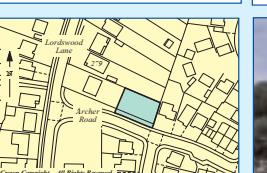
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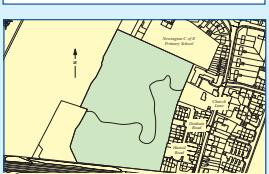
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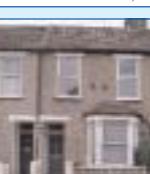
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Bed Modern Apartment</li> <li>• Open plan living room and kitchen. Appliances included in the kitchen</li> </ul>                |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two bed modern apartment</li> <li>• Ground Floor</li> <li>• Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>• Off Road Allocated Parking</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Bed third floor flat</li> <li>• 1 Double Bed, 1 Single Bed</li> <li>• Spacious Lounge</li> <li>• Fully Fitted Kitchen</li> </ul>                                     |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Bed Apartment</li> <li>• Off Road Parking</li> <li>• Two Bathrooms</li> <li>• Close to Town Centre</li> </ul>                        |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Bed Furnished House</li> <li>• Two Receptions</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen with appliances</li> <li>• Rear Enclosed Garden</li> </ul>   |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A selection of three two bedroom apartments</li> <li>• Sought after location</li> <li>• Lounge open plan</li> </ul>        |         |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Double Bed Split Level Apartment</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen with Appliances</li> <li>• Lounge with original fireplace</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Bed Brand New</li> <li>• En suite to master bedroom</li> <li>• Kitchen with appliances</li> <li>• Allocated parking</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Bed Riverside Apartment</li> <li>• En suite to master bedroom</li> <li>• Fitted kitchen &amp; appliances</li> <li>• Large balcony with views across river</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bed Mid Terrace House</li> <li>• Completely Refurbished</li> <li>• Newly Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>• Rear Enclosed Garden</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three/ Four Bed Semi</li> <li>• Two Reception Rooms</li> <li>• Fitted Kitchen with Appliances</li> <li>• Parking for 2/3 Cars</li> </ul> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four Bed Victorian House</li> <li>• Two Receptions</li> <li>• Refitted Bathroom</li> <li>• Rear enclosed garden</li> </ul> |         |

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Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft6, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 26-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunet, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, arts, sport, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

### ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451343

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mom, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

### IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 882265

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5ft4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 380734

### SOULD GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447985

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, the cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, dining and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 901893

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 446093

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### A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

### A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, with a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450800

### FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopefully love with. Box 452106

### ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, with mixed race/bald gent, to share good times with. Box 451819

### SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeking genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

### CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mom of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

### LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

### THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5ft4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441456

### HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, night out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 4497100

### LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun telly. Aylesford Box 428464

### MISS THIS MISS OUT

Radiant, warm, witty, intelligent, attractive lady, 44, 5ft6, love music, travel, restaurants, the arts, theatre, with like-minded gent, 38-50 who's fun, cultured, solvent and kind. Box 430403

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, blonde, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

### COULD IT BE YOU?

I'm 44, 5ft, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

### COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seek honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

### FUNNY GIRL

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113

### MAID MARIAN!

I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship. Box 447986

### ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

### THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5ft7, dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pub, cinema, seek loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

### YOUNG AT-HEART

Attractive 38 yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

### JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

### PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374

### HELP ME OPEN UP

Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444551

### 2'S COMPANY

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, with a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 452503

### FANCY A DRINK?

Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship. I enjoy walks, car boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 4464324

### DO YOU HAVE

**THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?** Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

### LOOK THIS WAY!

Slim single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly and easy-going, WLTM lots of new friends, hopefully someone special. Box 878456

### BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTM a gent to go with. Box 878250

### BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 452952

### ARE YOU

Loving and caring? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 440894

### WALKS ALONG THE BEACH

55yr old bubbly cheerful, divorced lady, looking for a genuine, tall smart man with a GSOH to share the fun things in life. Box 453352

### LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 54, 5ft4, tall blonde hair, green eyes, likes sports, theatre, cinema, travel abroad, seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448793

### ANIMAL LOVER

Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH. I enjoy eating in/out, swimming, dancing, likes tennis, cinema, and WLTM similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498

### HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, night out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 4497100

### WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

### BEING WITH YOU

I'm Jenny, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, countryside, the beach, cinema, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104

### CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662

### LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

This is Diane, I'm 51, 5ft7, quite curvy, very social, honest and friendly. I work full-time and want to spend time with a nice man. Box 453370

### TRY ME

Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head, I enjoy eating out, swimming, films, and family time. Box 451418

### WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 4415118

### WALKS ALONG THE BEACH

Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897

### HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar male for a SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579

### SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 452101

### IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Sincere 36yr old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954

### THE WIT TO WOO

Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, dark hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly discover the finer things in life. Herne Bay Wells. Box 452421

### HOP ON!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

### HAPPY TOGETHER

While male, 47, 5ft7, N/S, easygoing, loves a laugh, enjoys parks/concerts/romantic walks, WLTM female to be with. Nikki, please call back with contact details. Box 443339

### MARSHAL ME

Chris, 39, 5ft7, stocky, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 440167

### I'LL MAKE YOU SMILE

Keith from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very funny, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111

### FRIENDS FIRST

Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blue hair, slim/average build, I'm easygoing and relaxed, and like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361

### JUST A GIRL

Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm 31, slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28, and WLTM similar female. Box 878997

### NIGHT OUT? NIGHT IN?

Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friends and more. Box 451889

### TLC ON OFFER

Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium build, blue hair/blue hair, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking for a girl, same interests, 20-33, for friendship/romance. Hastings Box 446013

### FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Professional female, 37, new to town, WLTM passionate, genuine comparisons to socialise with, go out and have some fun, then see what happens. Ashford, Kent. Box 880596

### NIGHT OUT? NIGHT IN?

Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friends and more. Box 451889

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## MOTORS NEWS



### New Jaguar XJ wows celebrities at launch

JAGUAR flew in American chat show star and car fan Jay Leno to launch its new XJ flagship to a celebrity audience in London.

It underlined how crucial this new stunner is to the British executive marque, especially as it breaks a styling tradition begun in the 1960s by the Mark X and refined by the original XJ6.

A square grille remains, but twin headlights have gone, replaced by sweeping slits fronting a slippery four-door aluminium coupé body. It arrives in early 2010 priced from £52,500.



### New Mini celebrates making 1.5m milestone

JUST weeks after marking 50 years of the original Mini, BMW's Oxford plant reached another milestone by producing the 1.5 millionth 'new Mini' since its launch in 2001.

Inspired by and emulating the 60s icon, the new generation series has been a UK export success, sold in more than 80 countries and an all-electric Mini E also goes on trial in the UK soon with government support. Some 5.3 million 'classic' Minis (1959-2000) were built, taking the combined Mini count to 6.8m.



### Kangoo II proves that it's no 'van ordinaire'

JUST as Britain's recession-hit drivers shun glitz and glamour, French carmakers have boosted the appeal of utility MPVs like the Renault Kangoo.

The second generation Kangoo is no longer disadvantaged in consumers' eyes by being van-based; the more expensive Renault Scenic was the donor this time, yet Kangoo prices begin at a recession-busting £11,200 for a more spacious car with the same rear sliding doors layout to tempt a variety of buyers needing a weekday van/weekend family holdall.



A WORK OF ART: Citroën's seven-seat Grand Picasso has plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on the dashboard, and can be driven in fully automatic mode or as a manual

# Picasso hangs up well in the Citroën MPV gallery

## ROAD TEST CITROËN PICASSO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

150bhp motor takes the Grand Picasso to 62mph in 10.2 seconds. And the six-speed EGS can also be driven in fully automatic mode or as a clutchless manual using a sequential lever or paddle shifts either side of the stationary steering wheel hub – now a Citroën trademark.

Wilmoths, Maidstone general sales manager Kelvin Clayton, said: "Even I didn't like the sound of this combination at first, but the 1.6 engine has plenty of go and the gearbox learns your style of driving."

"The proof of the pudding is that most people who try the EGS gearbox, end up buying one and we have had just one complaint."

Amazingly, the EGS can memorise up to four regular drivers; once it has your 'number' it recognises who has slipped behind the wheel and adopts the correct mode.

And while it cannot match a diesel fuel saving, this cheaper petrol auto combination offers greater economy than a conventional manual, as well as low emissions to make it a reasonably 'green' option.

Our mid-range VTR+ model is priced at £19,855, but Wilmoths currently has a £1,500 Grand Picasso discount promotion plus zero per cent finance.



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| 07 57 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA 4 DR AUTO PAS STRATOS SILVER AIR 6000 MILES        | £9995  |
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| 06 56 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR/SILVER OCEAN BLUE 8000 MILES | £7995  |
| 06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR/C STEEL GREY 12000 MILES         | £7995  |
| 06 06 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR PANTHER BLACK 11000 MILES        | £6995  |
| 06 06 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS TONIC BLACK 21000 MILES       | £6995  |
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| 07 07 NEW CORSA 1-4 SX AUTO PAS AIR/C 5DR BLACK 2000 MILES     | £8995 |
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# USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

## CITROËN XSARA PICASSO



NO apologies for including the Picasso – it quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic to become the best-seller in the new sector. It's only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges and corners of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides well when heavily laden, but tends to heel a little on corners. The range features excellent turbodiesels from the Peugeot-Citroën stable and has a good reliability record. Plenty of affordable choice on the used market too.

### STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

## DISTINCTIVE MIDI-MPVs

RENAULT tried a bit of lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original five-seat Scenic of 1997, the blueprint for even more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient 'MPV styling' across the whole car market. As one of the new car market's boom sectors over the past few years, it means there is also plenty of choice for user car buyers.

## FIAT MULTIPLA



EARNING top marks with the motoring press for originality and impact when it arrived in 2000, the original Multipla looked simply too wacky to generate the sales it deserved. A facelift made it more visually acceptable and its practical qualities began to shine. Relatively compact though wide, it allows six to be seated comfortably in two rows and there is plenty of stowage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain.

### STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
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| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

## HONDA FR-V



THOUGH late into this sector, Honda had more time to review the market and decided that Fiat got it right with the Multipla. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats, but not as roomy as the Fiat. Buyers like the reliable Honda engineering and how the dashboard gearshift makes more room in front. The middle front seat can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

### STAR QUALITY

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| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
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| Quality         | ★★★★★ |



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**Ref: P0653**

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**Closing date: 20 July 2009**

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Town, who are searching for their first win of the season, batted first and made a disappointing start losing their opening batsmen for just seven runs. Addington's Mat Bruton took both wickets.

Bruton's breakthrough proved to be the catalyst for Addington's bowling attack as Scott bowled Dean Clark (37) and Alex Watson (21). Ashford's middle order and tail were unable to cope with Village's bowlers and collapsed ending their innings all out for 91. Scott took three more wickets to finish with figures of 5 for 22.

With a small total to reach Addington started slowly and lost Mark Rimmer for 19 after a run out. The innings recovered shortly after with Ben Buet hitting 23 and Will Jeffery (13).

Ashford's Darren Cooper was the only bowler to trouble Addington by taking two wickets but the home side marched past the total in the 27th over with six wickets in hand. The defeat leaves Ashford rooted to the bottom of the division, 53 points adrift of their nearest rivals, while Addington moved to the top of the league.

# Addington climb to top of the table after win



**ATTACK:** Addington's bowlers were in fine form as they bowled Ashford Town 3rds out for a paltry 91 in a resounding six-wicket win

Picture: GOR KUDUS

**SCOREBOARD****Ashford Town**

|                                    | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Jason Boulter ct Jeffery b Bruton  | 0    |
| Howard Wooding ct Jeffery b Bruton | 7    |
| Dean Clark b Scott                 | 37   |
| Alex Watson ct Sopp b Scott        | 21   |
| Charles MacLeod Lbw b Bruton       | 1    |
| Michael Wilson ct Bruton b Scott   | 1    |
| Joseph Jolley ct Brown b Scott     | 0    |
| Neil Hope ct Rimmer b Brown        | 5    |
| Darren Cooper b Brown              | 4    |
| Luca Sardo b Scott                 | 1    |
| Mark Gill not out                  | 4    |
| Extras (4b 4lb 2w)                 | 10   |
| Total (all out, 39.2 overs)        | 91   |
| Bowlers                            |      |
| 0 M R W                            |      |
| Adam Crowley 9 3 35 0              |      |
| Mat Bruton 15 7 24 3               |      |
| Neil Scott 11 5 22 5               |      |
| Duncan Brown 4.2 2 2 2             |      |

**Addington Village**

|                                  | Runs |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Mark Rimmer run out              | 19   |
| Ben Buet ct Watson b Sardo       | 23   |
| Will Jeffery ct Cooper b Cooper  | 13   |
| Mat Bruton not out               | 15   |
| Duncan Brown ct Wooding b Cooper | 0    |
| James Toone not out              | 6    |
| Neil Scott did not bat           |      |
| Tom Down did not bat             |      |
| Adam Crowley did not bat         |      |
| Erik Astrom did not bat          |      |
| Jack Sopp did not bat            |      |
| Extras (4b 10lb 2w)              | 16   |
| Total (4 wickets, 26.5 overs)    | 92   |
| Bowlers                          |      |
| 0 M R W                          |      |
| Darren Cooper 13.5 5 28 2        |      |
| Alex Watson 5 0 18 0             |      |
| Luca Sardo 5 2 14 1              |      |
| Joseph Jolley 3 0 18 0           |      |

**LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP****KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

Folkestone 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

THE Mote could only manage a winning draw at rivals Folkestone on what proved to be a difficult day for the bowlers.

The visitors batted first and made a solid start with openers James Marriott hitting 56 and Tom Harvey with 46. James Hodgson (73) and Daniel Thirkell (77) followed the start up to put The Mote in a strong position.

With 277 to chase, Folkestone made a solid start and The Mote found wickets hard to come by. They only managed to pick up three wickets as Folkestone finished on 212 for 3.

**The Mote**

|                 | Runs            |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| James Marriott  | 56              |
| Tom Harvey      | 46              |
| James Hodgson   | 73              |
| Daniel Thirkell | 77              |
| Ed De Lucy      | 12              |
| Chris Back      | not out         |
| Umesh Valje     | did not bat     |
| Laurence Waters | did not bat     |
| Kym Daley       | did not bat     |
| Glen Auklett    | did not bat     |
| Nicholas Coles  | did not bat     |
| Extras          | (2b 1lb 9w 1nb) |
| Total           | 13              |
| Bowlers         |                 |
| Michael James   | 0               |
| Andy Bray       | 13              |
| Ashok Kadam     | 12              |
| Joshua Bryen    | 15              |
| Luke Sage       | 8               |
|                 | 2               |
|                 | 0               |
|                 | 21              |
|                 | 0               |

**Folkestone**

|                 | Runs        |
|-----------------|-------------|
| David Miles     | 46          |
| Nick Graham     | 8           |
| Ashok Kadam     | 19          |
| Daniel Clark    | not out     |
| Joshua Bryen    | 45          |
| Luke Sage       | 85          |
| Laurence Ward   | did not bat |
| Stuart Graham   | did not bat |
| Andy Bray       | did not bat |
| Michael James   | did not bat |
| Matt Day        | did not bat |
| Extras          | (1b 1lb 7w) |
| Total           | 9           |
| Bowlers         |             |
| Kym Daley       | 0           |
| Ed De Lucy      | 10          |
| Tom Harvey      | 15          |
| Glen Auklett    | 11          |
| Laurence Waters | 2           |
| James Hodgson   | 6           |
|                 | 0           |
|                 | 26          |
|                 | 0           |

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**

Betteshanger Colliery 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

DESPITE scoring just 95, Betteshanger Colliery wrapped up a 23 run victory thanks to impressive bowling from Andrew and Michael McNicholas.

Offham's bowlers thought they had put Betteshanger in trouble after dismissing them for 95 in 34 overs. Chris Garton provided the only resistance with a knock of 48.

In reply, Offham struggled to find any rhythm and were quickly in danger of an embarrassing defeat. The McNicholas brothers claimed four wickets apiece helping bowl Offham out for 72 and a surprise victory.

**Betteshanger Colliery**

|                    | Runs         |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Clive Towe         | 4            |
| Chris Carton       | 48           |
| Liam Collins       | 2            |
| Jamie Towe         | 0            |
| Andrew McNicholas  | 0            |
| Derek Towe         | 0            |
| Gareth Friend      | 3            |
| Michael McNicholas | 0            |
| Darren Fletcher    | 8            |
| Tom Longdon        | 1            |
| Martin Jones       | 10           |
| Extras             | (6lb 9w 4nb) |
| Total              | 95           |

**Offham**

|                  | Runs            |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Graham Razey     | 2               |
| Tom Gittings     | 5               |
| Leonard Watt     | 30              |
| Ben Gittings     | 8               |
| Lawrence Bell    | 3               |
| Adam Kent        | 7               |
| Daniel Blakelock | 0               |
| Chris Trevatt    | 0               |
| Simon Hallbrook  | 3               |
| Nathan Brookner  | 0               |
| Extras           | (2b 4lb 1w 1nb) |
| Total            | 8               |

**Bowlers**

|                    | 0    | M | R  | W |
|--------------------|------|---|----|---|
| Andrew McNicholas  | 19   | 7 | 40 | 4 |
| Jamie Towe         | 8    | 4 | 4  | 2 |
| Michael McNicholas | 12.3 | 2 | 22 | 4 |

**KENT FEEDER LEAGUE WEST 1B**

Locksbottom 1st XI v Highways 1st XI

A DISAPPOINTING batting display saw Highways fall to a convincing eight-wicket defeat at Locksbottom.

Highways never really got going with the bat and were bowled out for 76 in the 30th over with only three batsmen reaching double figures.

With only 77 needed for victory, Highways had a tough task on their hands to prevent defeat. After losing opener Richard Pallett for a duck, Locksbottom went about their task and won the match inside 12 overs.

**Highways**

|               | Runs     |
|---------------|----------|
| I Pal         | 14       |
| Hemang Moddy  | 7        |
| Zafra Raja    | 15       |
| Steve Sandhu  | 1        |
| Amit Dave     | 0        |
| Harj Mander   | 4        |
| Shakeel Ahmed | 0        |
| Shazad Aman   | 14       |
| Lee Thompson  | 0        |
| Sajid Khan    | 7        |
| Miten Patel   | 6        |
| Extras        | (5w 2nb) |
| Total         | 76       |

**Bowlers**

|                 | 0                     | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---|----|---|
| Stuart Soper    | 9                     | 3 | 14 | 2 |
| James Kimber    | 9                     | 3 | 25 | 4 |
| Gareth Mosedale | 6.5                   | 1 | 26 | 2 |
| Simon Kennell   | 5                     | 3 | 9  | 1 |
| Extras          | (5w 2nb)              |   |    |   |
| Total           | (all out, 29.5 overs) |   |    |   |

**Bowlers**

|              | 0   | M | R  | W |
|--------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Lee Thompson | 3   | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| Shazad Aman  | 2   | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Amit Dave    | 3   | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Sajid Khan   | 2.4 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| Miten Patel  | 1   | 0 | 2  | 0 |

**KENT LEAGUE PREMIER 2ND XI**

The Mote 2nd XI v Gore Court 2nd XI

AN UNBEATEN 136 from Matthew White was only enough to secure a winning draw for The Mote 2nd XI.

White's impressive knock placed The Mote in a commanding position, which was helped by a half-century from Richard Coles (54).

With 270 on the scoreboard after 50 overs, The Mote's bowlers looked for early wickets. Andrew Barr and Christopher Bell ripped through the top order but they hit a stumbling block when Rob Slater (60) and Richard Jackson (54) came to the crease. The pair proved to be the thorn in The Mote's side and saved Gore Court from defeat.

**The Mote**

|                  | Runs                  |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Matthew White    | not out               |
| Warren Jackson   | 136                   |
| Richard Coles    | 54                    |
| Jason Dunn       | 12                    |
| Alan Barr        | 5                     |
| Andrew Barr      | 20                    |
| Howard Waters    | 4                     |
| Christopher Bell | 6                     |
| Danny Rowe       | 24                    |
| Nigel Mullarkey  | 4                     |
| Richard Usher    | 0                     |
| Extras           | (2lb 7w)              |
| Total            | (6 wickets, 50 overs) |

**Bowlers**

|                 | 0                     | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---|----|---|
| Dave Crompton   | 12                    | 2 | 49 | 1 |
| Aaron Glass     | 11                    | 1 | 70 | 0 |
| Richard Jackson | 10                    | 1 | 41 | 0 |
| Nigel Sharp     | 13                    | 0 | 86 | 4 |
| Jamie Lavers    | 3                     | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Rob Slater      | 1                     | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Richard Jackson | 54                    |   |    |   |
| Shaun Piesley   |                       |   |    |   |
| Paul Clunn      |                       |   |    |   |
| Nigel Sharp     |                       |   |    |   |
| Dave Crompton   |                       |   |    |   |
| Extras          | (3b 9lb 9w 2nb)       |   |    |   |
| Total           | (5 wickets, 50 overs) |   |    |   |

# Old Trafford calls for town's youngster

Picture EDMUND BOYDEN



**RISING STAR:** Defender Sean McGinty (right) could be the next star to emerge at Manchester United

TEENAGER Sean McGinty had a dream become reality last week when he signed for Premier League champions Manchester United.

The central defender, from Bearsted near Maidstone, caught the attention of Sir Alex Ferguson while on the books at League One side Charlton Athletic.

At the age of 15, McGinty has already made several appearances for the Addicks after featuring in the under-18s and reserves last season.

The defender has been at the Valley for three years, during which time he made his international bow for the Republic of Ireland under-17s.

McGinty had been offered a full-

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time scholarship with Charlton this summer, but instead opted to move to Old Trafford.

Charlton Athletic chairman Richard Murray admitted he is sad to see McGinty leave the club, but understood the decision.

He told the club website: "To have a club like Manchester United tracking our youth players clearly shows the quality of our academy."

"Of course, nothing would have made us happier than Sean coming through the ranks and representing our first-team."

## SUPERBIKES



**IN FORM:** Steve Mercer blitzed Scarborough's Oliver's Mount road course

# Stones looking strong after summer break

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

### Maidstone United 0 Accrington Stanley 2

MAIDSTONE United joint-manager Alan Walker was impressed with his side's display in the club's first pre-season friendly against League Two side Accrington Stanley.

A Peter Cavanagh first half strike and a late goal from John Miles was all that separated the sides, who are five divisions apart. It was the Stones' first game at Homelands Stadium, and for 20 minutes they were equal to Stanley's efforts before Cavanagh's strike broke the deadlock.

Maidstone fielded two different sides for each half and joint-manager Walker was impressed by his players' efforts and fitness after the summer break.

He said: "I was happy with how our side coped considering it was our first game of the season. We had a squad of 24 there for the game and we coped with Accrington well I thought. We mixed it up a bit and we didn't play our strongest side, as we wanted to have a look at some options."

A number of trialists were out trying to



**OUT TO IMPRESS:** Ashford Town winger Jimmy Bottle (left) and former Margate and Ebbsfleet midfielder Danny Stubbs (right) are two players hoping to earn a deal at Maidstone



Picture: GOR KURCOO and DAVE STEWART

impress the Stones management on Saturday, which included former Margate midfielder Danny Stubbs, Shannon O'Donovan and ex-Dagenham & Redbridge striker Lheureux Menga. Former Ashford Town winger Jimmy Bottle didn't feature, but has been training with the Stones.

Walker said: "I thought all the trialists did okay. It is a bit too early to say which have impressed, but training sessions have gone

well. Jimmy Bottle is training with us at the moment along with Danny Stubbs, but Jimmy is someone we will be having a look at."

Walker also revealed Stones defender Rob Carter will be staying the club for the time being despite playing 45 minutes in a pre-season friendly for Charlton Athletic last week.

Carter, who featured for the England schoolboys last season, played 45 minutes for the Stones on Saturday.

STEVE Mercer picked up a podium finish at Scarborough's Oliver's Mount road race championships last weekend.

The Maidstone superbike rider blitzed the famous hill climb course and secured a third place, three fourths and a fifth from the weekend's races.

He said: "It went really well considering it was only our second time there. We came here in April to learn the circuit and I really wanted to do something special at the meeting. To pick up a third place was an excellent result and has continued a great start to the year."

This evening Mercer will be in action in the Southern 100 Championships held on the roads of the Isle of Man. The prestigious race meeting, held on a four-mile street circuit in Castletown, will see the world's best road racers compete for the Southern 100 title.

With the meeting his first visit to Castletown, Mercer believes he will have a lot of work to do on the track to be on the pace.

He said: "The practice sessions are going to be massively important. There are plenty of tricky corners on this circuit, which need to be mastered. Learning circuits has not been too difficult this year, so I am looking forward to this new challenge."

After an impressive TT debut, Mercer hopes for more success on the island.

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